

Claims 1-13 remain in the application and claims 1,2,7,8,9,12, and 13 have been amended hereby.

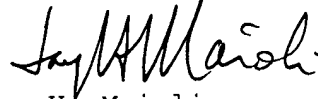
As will be noted from the Declaration, Applicants are citizens and residents of Japan and this application originated there.

Accordingly, the amendments to the specification are made to place the application in idiomatic English, and the claims are amended to place them in better condition for examination.

An early and favorable examination on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the abstract by rewriting same to read as follows.

--A managing apparatus for managing data necessary for providing a content is disclosed, that [comprises] includes a reserving [means] element for reserving a delivery resource for each content, a storing [means] element for storing reserved delivery resource assignment information, and a [transmitting means] transmitter for transmitting the reserved delivery resource assignment information.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1,2,7,8,9,12,and 13 by rewriting same to read as follows:

--1. (Amended) A managing apparatus for managing data necessary for providing a content, comprising:

reserving means for reserving a delivery resource for each content;

assigning means for automatically assigning one of a reserved delivery resource and storage resource to a selected content;

storing means for storing the reserved delivery resource assignment information from said reserving means; and

transmitting means for transmitting the reserved

delivery resource assignment information.

--2. (Amended) A managing apparatus for managing data necessary for providing a content, comprising:

content list displaying means for displaying a list of contents that can be provided;

reservation state displaying means for displaying a reservation state of a delivery resource;

content selecting means for selecting a content to which a resource [is] can be assigned; and

operating means for assigning a delivery resource to the selected content.

--7. (Amended) The managing apparatus as set forth in claim 1 or 2,

wherein a transmission resource is reserved for each content, the transmission resource being composed of a limited transmission band and transmission time, and

wherein each content is transmitted corresponding to the reserved transmission resource information.

--8. (Amended) The managing apparatus as set forth in claim 1 or 2,

wherein a delivery resource is assigned in such a manner that a plurality of transmission paths is [are] selected.

--9. (Amended) The managing apparatus as set forth in claim

1 or 2,

wherein a transmission resource is reserved for each content, the transmission resource being composed of a limited transmission band and transmission time, and

wherein each content is stored corresponding to the reserved transmission resource information.

--12. (Amended) A managing method for managing data necessary for providing a content, comprising the steps of:

reserving a delivery resource for each content;

assigning a reserved resource to selected content for delivery;

storing the reserved delivery resource assignment information; and

transmitting the reserved delivery resource assignment information.

--13. (Amended) A managing method for managing data necessary for providing a content, comprising the steps of:

displaying a list of contents that can be provided;

displaying a reservation state of a delivery resource; selecting a content to which a delivery resource [is] can be assigned; and

assigning [a] the delivery resource to the selected content.